



FAMILY NEWS

JUNE 8, 2025

Classes

Auditorium Class: Andy Scott

Teens: Arpoika Daniels

4th - 6th Grade: Lani Renner

1st - 3rd Grade: Ginger Posey

3yr - K: Lynn Grimes

Nursery: Miranda Hays

Sermons

AM: Arpoika Daniels

PM: Evening Bible Study - Jack Mattingly, Sr.



IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

Next Sunday on Search:

June 15– Born Of God

You've heard that people need to be born again. What does that mean? Some think they are born again when they say a little prayer, but the Scriptures teach that being born again involves being born of water and the Spirit.

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

2 Kings 17-18 & 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

Monday

2 Kings 19-21 & 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Tuesday

2 Kings 22-23 & 1 Corinthians 2

Wednesday

2 Kings 24-25 & 1 Corinthians 3

Thursday

Psalms 73-75 & 1 Corinthians 4

Friday

Psalms 76-77 & 1 Corinthians 5

Saturday

Psalms 78 & 1 Corinthians 6

WHEN YOU FALL TO YOUR
KNEES & ASK GOD FOR
HELP - DON'T FORGET TO
FALL BACK TO YOUR KNEES
& SAY THANK YOU WHEN
HE ANSWERS.

¹⁹ But God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. ²⁰ Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

Psalms 66:19-20 (NIV)

When it starts to feel heavy,
that's not yours to carry anymore.
Give it to God.

5:00

Bible Study

Sunday, June 8th — Meal Group 5 will be hosting.

In Our Hearts:

"You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted, you encourage them, and you listen to their cry." Psalms 10:17 (NIV)

Debbie Crane received good news from her doctor on her CAT scan.

Larry Waddell, Lee Daniels, mother of Arpoika Daniels, Pat Joslin & Barbara McKinney, sisters of Sue Alexander, LaRohnda Jones & Mary Ray, nieces of Johna Myers, Kenny Brewer, Sue Alexander, Talhia Vanlandingham, Steve Lashley, Alvis Campbell, Ted Criswell

Let's remember our shut-ins: *Peggy Jackson and Carolyn Self*

5:00 Bible Study: The 5:00 Bible study for Sunday, June 15th, is cancelled due to Father's Day. The following Sunday, June 22nd, there will be no meal group in charge of hosting our Bible study. Everyone is asked to bring your favorite finger foods and desserts.

VBS 2025: Make plans now to attend our 2025 Vacation Bible School! It is scheduled for July 14th - 16th!

Ladies Day: The Farrall Church of Christ in Shawnee will be hosting a Ladies Day at the Shawnee Senior Recreation Center on Saturday, June 28th. For mor information see the flyer posted in the office window.

Congratulation to Leo Marquez!
Leo was baptized on Sunday, June 1st, following the 5:00 Bible study! Please encourage Leo and let him know how proud we are of his commitment to Christ!

**Let your love for God
change the world,
but never let the
world change your
love for God.**

Time With Tim

Spiritual Growth in Small Steps – The Importance of Steady Progress in Your Walk with God

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

2 Peter 3:18

Spiritual growth isn't always dramatic. Most of the time, it happens quietly—one prayer, one act of obedience, one lesson at a time. In a world that celebrates instant results, we can forget that God often works through slow, steady progress.

Think of David, the shepherd boy who would one day become king. When we first meet him in 1 Samuel 16, he's tending sheep—an ordinary task. Yet in those quiet fields, David was growing. He was learning to be faithful with little, to trust God in danger, and to worship in solitude. He didn't leap from pasture to palace overnight. It took years of small steps—facing lions and bears, showing courage before Goliath, honoring Saul even while being pursued. Each step prepared him for the next.

Our walk with God works the same way. Sometimes we want to jump ahead, but God is more interested in who we are becoming than how fast we get there. Are we more patient than we were last year? Do we trust Him more today than we did last month? These are signs of real, lasting growth.

It's easy to get discouraged when we don't see dramatic changes, but growth takes time. Just as plants need seasons of rain, sun, and even waiting, so do we. Philippians 1:6 reminds us: *"He who began a good work in you will complete it."* That means God is still working in us—even on the slow days.

Maybe today your step is simply choosing to pray instead of worrying. Or forgiving someone when it's hard. Or opening your Bible even when you don't feel like it. These small acts of faith build spiritual muscle.

Don't underestimate what God can do through your faithfulness in the little things.

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

Galatians 6:9

Grace and Repentance

We are saved by the grace of God (Eph 2:5). Salvation is not of ourselves, but is the gift of God (Eph 2:8-10). That teaching should be front and center for us. Grace also has a context that should never be ignored. We don't have the authority to define it however we wish. It comes from God, from His character and wisdom, from His mercy, compassion, and love. We are to understand God's grace in truth (Col 1:6). Grace teaches us to renounce ungodliness and strive to live self-controlled, upright lives as we are looking for Jesus to return and committed to good works (Titus 2:11-14). Grace is never to be seen as a license to sin (Rom 6:1-2; Jude 4). Grace should be seen from our perspectives as something to which we respond, not that which allows us to be lazy. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Eph 2:10). We are not entitled to grace, for if we were, it would no longer be grace. This in no way means that we have achieved perfection or never do wrong (i.e., let's not be liars, 1 John 1:8). It does mean we can have confidence in God's faithfulness and promises as we seek His will: "But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls" (Heb 10:39).

We also need to see that grace encompasses another teaching that ought to be front and center: repentance. This may well be one of those words we hear, but do we talk about it enough? More importantly, do we practice it enough?

Repentance is difficult. It is difficult to talk about and to enact. It makes us uncomfortable because we must confront the sins in our lives (1 John 1:9). We don't like that. It requires self-denial, hard choices, and an honest heart that opens up to God and others. Yet repentance is just as much a part of embracing God's grace as faith. If we ignore repentance, we cannot expect the gift of grace because grace teaches us to "renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age" (Titus 2:11). How can we hope for grace when we ignore what grace teaches?

Our problem sometimes is that we want grace without the difficult confrontations with our sins. We want forgiveness without repentance. If we define grace to fit into our own little box that never hurts our feelings and allows us to live without substantive change, then we have turned grace into that which God has explicitly denied. This is basically what Bonhoeffer called "cheap

grace." As he put it, "Cheap grace means the justification of sin without the justification of the sinner. Grace alone does everything, they say, and so everything can remain as it was before" (The Cost of Discipleship, 43). This makes a farce out of the death of our Lord, for He died "that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Cor 5:15).

"Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? May it never be!" (Rom 6:1-2). Paul asked this in a context showing that grace is indeed greater than sin. God's grace is sufficient to cover any sins for which we are guilty (and let us confess that there are many), but God never intended for grace to take the place of obedience and holiness. We can become holy by His grace, which entails our response. The apostle Peter taught, "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy'" (1 Pet 1:14-16). Scripture is filled with exhortations to holy living, and this is always seen as consistent with grace. We never can earn our salvation. Neither can we drift into heaven through laziness and lack of diligence. "Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet 1:10-11). Grace and response are intertwined.

Let us dedicate ourselves to God's grace, and also to repentance. These are not at odds with each other, but rather fit together within God's purposes. He is a God of grace and mercy, but He also hates sin. Grace can help shape us into people who are holy, but holiness does not come without repentance.

"Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago." (Acts 3:19-21)

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Worship & Bible Study
Schedule

AM

Sunday 9:30 - Bible Class

Sunday 10:30 - Worship

PM

Sunday 5:00 - Bible Study

Wednesday 6:00 - Bible Study

Worship Workers

June 8

In Charge: Alan Morgan (405-481-6163)

Welcome AM: Jack Mattingly

Song Leader: Tim Smith

Opening Prayer: Steve Johnson

Closing Prayer: Paul Alexander

Lord's Supper & Offering AM: Bob Swearingen

Lord's Supper & Offering PM: Jim Hardin

Scripture Reading: Gil Turpin

Heritage House

Thursday, June 12

Jim & Donna
Hardin

June Nursery Attendants

June 1 - Emma Noey

June 8 - Ginger Posey

June 15 - Ashley Noey

June 22 - Debbie Crane

June 29 - Kay Lashley

June Worship & Bible Class Greeters

North Doors: Nuben & Ann Barton

South Doors: Bob Griggs & Alan Morgan